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## New Landings Surprise Kesselring—No Defences Ready

**By Our Military  
Commentator**

### 'Hardly A Shot Fired'

ONCE again the Allies have outwitted the German High Command. The completeness of the surprise, the Germans got when our troops landed on the beach-head around Nettuno, behind the Gustav line and the so-called Hitler line, is exemplified by the report of Don Whitehead, U.S. correspondent with the Fifth Army:

"We walked in behind the German lines with hardly a shot fired," he wrote. "It was so sudden that we did not even catch the Germans so completely by surprise that, as I write six hours after the landing, they are literally standing with their mouths open and shaking their heads with amazement."

"Maybe the war's over and we don't know it," said Colonel Edgar Doelman.

The simple fact is that

Kesselring had been duped—completely foisted by the pre-arranged surprise of the Allied frontal assault on the Fifth Army.

Any signs of surprise the Germans may make are merely cover-ups.

Kesselring, rashed every available man he had into the Gustav front. He never suspected that the Allies would land on their "leap-frog along the coast," though he should not do so hard to imagine.

The coming of the German HQ near Foggia added to the enemy's bewilderment and disarray.

Second, that the Luftwaffe is hopelessly outclassed in this sector.

The equipment of the new bridgehead imperials the whole German front. It means the prospect of a long, slow, attritional war, with little further to add to the German of more and greater invasion.

Already five of Kesselring's divisions are threatened with encirclement of south of Rome.

**BOMBERS POUND PONTINE HIGHWAY**

Allied H.Q. North Africa,

Allied heavy bombers today pounded the road delle Alture, the main highway from Italy to the coast at the lower end of the Pontine Marshes about 45 miles from Rome.

The railroads at Arrezo, Perugia, Terni and Pescocerchio were also bombed—Reuter.

**DANISH CITIES CLEARED**

The Germans are planning to evacuate all but the most necessary personnel from Copenhagen and 38 other towns in the event of invasion. Stockholm reported.

The evacuees will be divided among 1,700 country communities.

### New Fascist Menace

From HAROLD HUTCHINSON,  
B.U.P. Staff Correspondent  
Washington, Saturday.

**THIS week the people of the United States have received one of the biggest shocks of their lives.**

They have been told that while they are fighting Fascism in Europe, a great new Fascist movement is growing up in South America and threatening their homes.

With Argentina, the core of the movement, and the Germans now say all they are worth, especially the American continent is threatened.

Argentina is now thoroughly

dominated by Germany as surely as if the Swastika flag flew over Buenos Aires, in the opinion of

For example, General Ramírez, the President, has issued decrees as follows: "The Argentineans are totally transforming Argentina into the semblance of a Fascist state." A total trade boycott by the United Nations has been suggested. Britain and the United States are Argentina's greatest customers. The U.S. buys 90 per cent of goods each year.

If this economic blockade were imposed, it is stated, the Ramírez government could fall within two months. —B.U.P.

# The People

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## ROME FRONT INVADERS MAKE BRIDGEHEADS SECURE

From JOHN TALBOT, Reuter's Special Correspondent

With the Fifth Army, Saturday.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN SHOCK TROOPS WHO MADE THE SURPRISE LANDINGS BEFORE DAWN TODAY ON THE BEACHES ABOUT 30 MILES SOUTH OF ROME, WERE TONIGHT REPORTED TO HAVE ESTABLISHED SOLID BRIDGEHEADS. SEVERAL MILES OF BEACHES ARE IN ALLIED HANDS, AND THE GERMANS ADMIT THE LOSS OF THE USEFUL HARBOUR OF NETTUNO.

All day long, under cover of naval guns and a mighty air armada, men and material were being ferried ashore in a ceaseless inland to take up advantageous battle positions.

Further confirmation that Kesselring was caught completely off guard came officially at Allied Headquarters tonight. Our naval guns, which delivered a powerful preliminary bombardment, had no answering fire from the shore. Air opposition was negligible. Flak was non-existent.

Many hours later, while hundreds of landing craft were busting up to the beaches, the enemy had still been unable to marshal any serious resistance.

Allied headquarters gave no inkling of the scene of the landings beyond saying that they were deep in the enemy rear. The Germans, however, reported "violent fighting" on the coast between Nettuno and the Tiber estuary.

This would put our landing forces about 60 miles north-west of the present Allied lines north of the Garigliano.

A successful penetration of the Gustav line will leave the Allies in a hopeless position both along the Gustav Line and the Tiber.

Severance of their communications with Rome will force a retreat with the intention that the Allies stand a good chance of making a great haul of prisoners.

The landings, which are under the direction of General Sir Harold Alexander, thus mark the beginning of the main Battle of Rome has been joined.

Alexander, due to his Alamein, Tunis and Salerno reputations, struck with everything he had.

### NAVAL GUNS

In the middle of the night hundreds of big and little ships were sent ashore to the coast of coastline. Then the naval guns opened up with a shattering roar and the beachheads and islands landed.

Invade hour was 2 a.m.—just before dawn.

Under cover of the bombardment, landing craft, filled with British Commando troops and their American counterparts, the Rangers, slipped quietly into the darkness and began digging themselves in on the beach.

The weather was clear, with a small wind from the east. Inland the invaders could see buildings on fire as a result of the naval bombardment.

At first light a great stream of shipping was seen coming into the Tiber estuary. The landing craft started working back and forward between ship and shore.

The cargoes include tanks—especially in this new battle area, which consists of a wide strip stretching all the way to Rome.

One of the first pilots to return from his mission was a "cheerful mad." "I didn't see any enemy aircraft," he said, "but I did get a hot reception."

Front-line reports tonight say: "All landings successful; operations proceeding according to plan; position uniformly stabilized."

### 'U.S. Feared Invasion From Us!'

COLONEL ROBERT R. BRADFORD, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE "CHICAGO TRIBUNE," HAD THIS TO SAY IN HIS COLUMN "LAND YESTERDAY ABOUT HIS MONTH-OLD ASSERTION THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S STAFF FEARED A BRITISH INVASION OF U.S. AFTER THE END OF THE WAR."

It seems appropriate to be specific," he said.

Tension was great between the U.S. and Britain last winter. America had issued decrees as follows: "The United States is totally transforming Argentina into the semblance of a Fascist state."

"Our general staff," he asserted, "feared 'a raid on England' of 300,000 regulars then in England, and the British, who had marched against us, had completely demobilized."

I know, however, I worked with the American Staff plans for the defense of Detroit."

Mr. McCormick said that both sides were now in agreement that Great Britain's insulation force it—"Reuter.

Boeing gave the suggestion of this yesterday with: "Last night's raid on London was carried out by completely new Luftwaffe formations, the strength of which had been unknown to the enemy."

Certainly, as far as can be

judget from the evidence at hand and the reports on planes brought down, no single-engined fighters.

One plane brought down was a Dornier 215, a heavy bomber of the type used with the old Avro Manchester, from which the Lancaster was developed.

The German Air Force is still a formidable aerial armament.

It is no longer raise the price of victory to a prohibitive point, there will be a price for us to pay.

Japan, he said, is already feeling the pinch of the blockade of Germany from U.S. air power. —B.U.P.

**ACROSS LAKE ILIMEN**

A German military spokesman,

quoted by German Overseas Radio, admitted yesterday that the Germans had been compelled recently to cross the south of Lake Ilmen, says Reuter.

## NEVA SALIENT TRAP IS CLOSING

## 20 Hun Divisions In Danger

FROM HAROLD KING, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Moscow, Saturday.

FIFTEEN to twenty German divisions—anything from 180,000 to 250,000 men—today face being cut in two and trapped in their Neva salient, S.E. of Leningrad. Two Soviet armies are closing the pincers behind them. One force is coming from the N.W. through the gap blasted at Mga, and the other advancing from the east, where fresh Russian troops have been thrown into a new attack.

Both are converging on Tosno, 30 miles south-east of Leningrad, and junction with the Leningrad-Moscow and the Petrov-Krasnogvardeisk railway roads.

Every mile they advance lessens the chances of escape for the Germans surprised in the trap.

On the 15th, the Germans

announced last night by the National minimum wage of £5 a week for underground miners and £4 10s. for surface workers, with proportionate increases for boys up to 18, was

announced last night by the National Tribunal.

This compares with the miners' wage of £2 10s. a week and represents a rise of 17s. and 12s. respectively on the rates which have been paid since the Greene Committee's increase of 2s. 6d. a day was described as the biggest in the history of British history.

Youths eighteen to twenty, including those who have been compulsorily recruited, will receive a further rise of 2s. 6d. and represent a rise of 17s. and 12s. respectively on the rates which have been paid since the Greene Committee's increase of 2s. 6d. a day was described as the biggest in the history of British history.

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"MAN O' THE PEOPLE" Writes on "Things That Matter To You and Me"

**H**AVING lost hope of victory by force of arms, the Nazis are now doing their utmost to escape total defeat by spreading disension among their enemies. They are secretly carrying out Nazi spies and rumor-mongers, hatching out bogus "peace plots" and giving wings to wild stories of Inter-Ally "double-crossing." We should do well to realize that, surely but the enemy has anything to gain by these inventions.

It is a pity that the Russian newspaper, "Pravda," should have given even the briefest currency to the outrageous report, from "The Greek Post" in Cairo, "that certain British representatives had met Ribbentrop" somewhere in the Pyrenees" to discuss a separate peace.

Dr. Goebbels could not have got away with that yarn in this country, but the Foreign Office did well to give it the lie official and at once.

For there was free press in Russia and the "Pravda" rumour was repeated in broadcast from Moscow. It was a moment of grace to a regrettable incident, now closed—but hope—by publication in Russia of the British denial.

**V**ARIOUS guesses have been made as to "Pravda's" reasons for printing that story. It is surely German-inspired and calculated to throw doubts upon Britain's loyalty to the common cause.

"Man o' the People" is not going to be in the dangerous guessing game. He recalls how, at certain British and American newspapers have occasionally given credence to manufactured rumours which ought never to have been repeated.

Indeed, the fact that several of the Nazi inventors called each other "friends" is proof enough. Dr. Goebbels is trying to poison the well-springs of Inter-allied cordiality.

Just as the Nazis would be delighted to persuade certain elements in America that we were mapless and making no progress in peace at her expense, so are they eager to convince a minority in this country that we would leave us in the lurch, once they regained their old frontiers.

As far as I am concerned, no international treaty will be worth more than the paper it is written on and no faith is to be placed in the solemn promises between one country and another. Great Britain and the U.S.S.R. are resolved to see this through to total victory.

The Anti-Soviet Treaty binds them in alliance in conflict and continued friendship in peace, and your correspondent believes that the leaders of both countries stand solidly behind their leaders in this resolve.

**W**HAT matters more to me and the millions of others here is any needless blunder in international manners is the self-reliant policy of the United States. Three of the United Nations do not yet see eye to eye upon certain points of vital importance to all of them.

For instance, whatever may be the outcome of the present Polish dispute, Russia is clearly not disposed to treat it calmly as

national interests.

"Here's my secret for making do with only 60 points"

This姑娘的Rowntree's Cocoa is wonderful. It fits up the odd corners wonderfully!

Unsweetened! But it contains no very strong drink or non-nourishing at all. But Rowntree's Cocoa is a real drink—giving food; fat; carbohydrate, which gives energy (in the way sugar does), and protein.

It is the secret of many a real body in it, and helps to make the meal more nourishing. What a mercy

HERE'S MY POINTS BUDGET

4 pks. breakfast cereal	- 8 points
3 lb. marmalade	- 4
1 lb. margarine	- 4
1 lb. rice	- 4
1 lb. lentils	- 4
1 tin grade 3 salmon	- 2
1 lb. flour	- 2
1 lb. sugar	- 2
1 lb. butter	- 2
1 lb. bacon	- 2
1 lb. ham	- 2
1 lb. cheese	- 2
1 lb. dried fruit	- 2
1 lb. biscuits	- 2
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## Mr. Chickery Takes His Bow

# Romance and the girl in Green

Do you like my new suit, sir? A little on the gay side, don't you rather think it's a little chirpy, if you'll excuse the expression?" said King Edward the Seventh set the standard for this kind of cheek pattern, sir, and it has been copied ever since.

Precious moose, too! This suit I'm wearing was made in 1920, of the best cloth that money could buy. You can see how well the stuff has held up, even though it's 23 years later, in 1943. Now, what do you make of that? Re-

Pray pardon my giggles—I've had the giggles all day. And you know what I mean, sir? I'm in a pink room in my buttonhole, and that I am wearing a solid green suit, and I have had my moustache trimmed a little? Aha!

About the man, this. Is hardly the way to carry on, sir, is it? But the fact of the matter is that he's a man from Kilmarnock, which is Oriental for me.

**Memorable Day** \* At Hampstead

You believe in Kismet, sir? Fair do, I do, but I'm not aware of a strange thing and as Master S. says, there is a destiny that shapes our ends, right? That's the way I look at it.

What a man he was, sir, the Baron of Avon who had a right to be a Baron, sir. No matter what you think, of he thought of it?

People—ladies—especially—are very hot on Fate, sir.

There was a lady in my neighborhood, well known as a foreteller of futures of every kind; she had quite a grip upon me, and I would have let her have what you wouldn't take a step without consulting her.

The same lady confessed

to me one day when she was chattering with me in my shop that she didn't know where her rent was coming from. She could not afford to pay it, and that's about a little thing like that? Well...be that as it may...

In the opinion of people are actually anxious to make promises come true—they listen to me, and I'm telling them the way and means of proving them right, and I'm telling them the whole truth in full measure.

Why, sir, I myself have fallen for that.

Oh, yes, I have committed myself to little ladies, sir. About a month ago, when I was considerably younger than I am at the present time, I went to Hampstead, sir, to see the Baron of Avon, because I deeply loved to have a shot at the coconuts or even a shot at the Baron's lighthouse, and I enjoyed mixing with the crowds and hearing the stories of the lives and destinies of people having a good time together.

I went to Happy Hampstead, sir, with a companion—an old friend who real name was George Chickery, and he was accompanying him to see the Baron of Avon, because I had coffee him. Why? Because where he was, sir, was the famous Mr. Chickery, sir.

"Huh? Silly, eh?"

Well, sir, this lad Biffy was my old friend, and he was a right sort of a fellow, and I liked him. He was like him. He stood six feet in his socks, and I was never more impressed by a man's physical shot! He was broad across the chest, and I was always struck by his physique.

I told him, "I'm not really belied to him; but I found I were mine as if I had just found I was in love with him, and I was afraid somebody would come and take them off at any moment.

He had a bold manner; and I though not quite a coward, was always shy and hesitant in my manner.

So that I had a chance to do so I received a visit from the old lady, Hannah, her mother. She said she had heard about the boy and off and sat without a word of warning. She hadn't a notion what he was, and had been quizzed, and there had been quarrels.

Bobby was out after Hannah's mother, and he had left for the money the master-draper had left was to go to the draper when the old lady came to see him.

So that I was shaken to the core. I kept in touch with the old lady, and she was lonely. She used to go card two a week. On her went to see her, and I went in first while Bobby waited outside.

The old lady made me cross her hand with a shilling, and then she had a good laugh and glared into my eyes so hard that I felt like a rabbit in a trap. I was shocked to the good lady, I'm sure, and then she said this:

"See a young lady with money of her own. She is of medium height, she is slim, she wears green. You are going to marry her and have seven children, starting with a son next month."

Well, sir, it seemed to me that an heiress and seven daughters was quite enough for one sitting, and I didn't care to risk another shilling, and I went home and let Bobby go in.

He came out about five minutes later with a laughing face and said: "Well, Chick, what do you think? I'm going to marry a green-eyed girl in a green dress, and she's got some money of her own, and I'll be a rich man, I'm sure."

She had told me exactly the same story, and I had a good laugh at herself for a couple of fools, and went to Jack Strat's, and I saw that the old lady had some bread and cheese, and then we got a bus and started to go.

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Young Man Of \* Personnel

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The old lady, finding us a decent-looking couple, invited us to her home, and I was a bit taken aback, but I did not let on that I was a bit taken aback.

And I took one look at the young lady, and gorged myself with her. She was—well, she was somebody so handsome in my life.

She had dark hair, grey eyes, and was wearing, sir, a dark green dress which suited her perfectly. She was a bit nervous, and I was spluttering and muttering and babbling, and the old lady told us that she was the widow of a master-drafter and living in her mother's house.

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